**Accidents in agriculture sector**

332. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Central or State Scheme for insurance or payment of compensation to the victims of accidents in the agriculture sector is in operation in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of farmer victims of accidents who were compensated during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Government of Andhra Pradesh, have informed that they do not have any Scheme for insurance and payment of compensation to the victims of accidents in the agriculture sector. The Dangerous Machines (Regulation) Act, 1983, a Central Act, has a provision that the employer shall be liable to pay compensation to the victim of the accident while operating power thresher.

(c) No accident on power thresher has been reported in Andhra Pradesh during the period.

**Deporting breeding cattle imported by A.P.**

333. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had asked the Andhra Pradesh Government to deport 200 breeding cattle, imported from Australia in the recent past;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the contention of the Andhra Pradesh Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE ( SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The animals have been in contact with the animals infected with Bovine Viral Diarrhoea, Johne's Disease and Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis during the pre-export quarantine in Australia, which is against the health/quarantine requirements specified by Indian Government. Further, on arrival in India, a number of animals have tested positive for Bovine Viral Diarrhoea and Malignant Catarrhal Fever, the diseases which are not so far reported in the country.

(c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has been requesting for the release of the animals from the Quarantine Station, Chennai.

**Crop Insurance Scheme in H.P.**

334. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers benefited by Crop Insurance Scheme in Himachal Pradesh, District-wise;

(b) whether there had been some meetings between farmers and Government during the last one year to implement the said scheme in the State, if so, what are the outcome thereof; and

(c) what are the items covered under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) District-wise list of farmers benefited by National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) is annexed as Statement. (See below)

(b) No, Sir.

(c) NAIS covers food crops (cereals, millets and pulses), oilseeds and annual horticultural/commercial crops subject to the availability of past yield data. The crops covered under the scheme in Himachal Pradesh are wheat and barley during Rabi season and maize, rice and potato during Kharif season.